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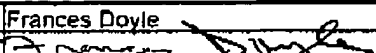    c ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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